

## PATENT APPLICATION

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if pl are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## SHIELDING GAS FILTER FOR WELDING APPARATUS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

( ) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as US Application Serial No. or PCT International Application  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as a any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as de CFR 1.56.

## Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate list have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is cla

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## Provisional Application

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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## U.S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the fili prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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